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***Subject: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects
(Application No. 12-10-009) – Tie Line (TL) 682 – Data Request 4***

Dear Mr. Knowd:

Approximately 3 of the 20 miles of the Tie Line (TL) 682 component of the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Project traverses the La Jolla Reservation. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) understands that San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is currently working to resolve an easement issue with the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (Tribe) for the portion of TL 682 that traverses the La Jolla Reservation. As a result, SDG&E has indicated that it will request Notices to Proceed for construction of segments individually (off-reservation lands to the west and east and on-reservation lands) while the easement and resolution process is ongoing with the Tribe to keep the project on schedule.

Resolution of easement concerns related to the portion of TL 682 that traverse the La Jolla Reservation is required prior to the start of construction on that segment. Because the easement and resolution process could potentially affect the design and construction of TL 682 components not located on the La Jolla Reservation, CPUC requests the following information prior to considering Notice to Proceed requests for construction of TL 682:

1. A copy of the existing easement between SDG&E and the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians for existing facilities associated with TL 682 on the La Jolla Reservation.
2. Any current tribal resolution and new or amended easements for the portion of TL 682 that traverses the La Jolla Reservation. Please include documents, if any, indicating the approval for the overhead wood-to-steel fire-hardening component on reservation lands and the 1,500-foot underground component (between poles Z118079 to Z118082), as approved in CPUC Decision D.16-05-03 dated May 26, 2016; by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Record of Decision dated March 30, 2016; and by the United States Forest Service Record of Decision dated March 11, 2016.

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3. SDG&E's current plan for phasing construction of TL 682, pending the easement and resolution process with the Tribe. SDG&E shall state whether or not proposed fire-hardening of structures off-reservation can continue to provide electric service independent of the proposed fire-hardening and undergrounding sections of the line located on the La Jolla Reservation.
4. Should CPUC approve fire-hardening activities (i.e., wood-to-steel pole replacement) along TL 682 off-reservation, and should a tribal resolution and easement for TL 682 facilities crossing reservation lands not be executed in the near-term or distant future, please provide SDG&E's course of action for this scenario, including foreseeable re-engineering efforts along the components off-reservation.

In addition to the information above, please clarify if SDG&E requires further approval from the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians to conduct work associated with TL 682 on the segment traversing the Pauma-Yuima Reservation, and the status of such approval.

Information requested here may be submitted under confidential cover.

The CPUC would appreciate a response to this letter by March 17, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.703.1966 or lisa.orsaba@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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